

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

At the outset, Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the indication that the present application contains allowable subject matter. Specifically, the Office Action allows independent claim 28 and its dependent claim 29. Upon entry of the present amendment, these claims remain, and the other claims (1 and 3-27) are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to facilitate allowance. Claim 28 has been slightly amended, however, to make two word changes that are not believed to affect the allowability of that claim.

Applicants have also added new dependent method claims 30-33, which are allowable for at least the same reasons as allowed claim 28, and further in view of the various features recited therein. Additionally, Applicants have added new claims 34-54, which generally recite language similar to that found in method claims 28-33.

Applicants submit that upon entry of the present paper, pending claims 28-54 distinguish over the applied art, and are in condition for allowance. If additional amendment and/or discussion is desired, the Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' undersigned representative at the number appearing below.

Respectfully submitted,

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